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SUBJECT: US CANDIDATE (GAULKIN) FOR OPI GENEVA

REF: A) STATE 29067; B) GENEVA 779; C) USUN 3055

1. MISSION MADE STRONG REPRESENTATION TO ASYG AKATANI FEBRUARY 9
IN BEHALF OF CHARLES GAULKIN TO SUCCEED MICHAEL CLARK IN OPI/
GENEVA. AKATANI WAS VERY RECEPTIVE AND SAID USG CAN BE
ASSURED GAULKIN WILL BE GIVEN EVERY CONSIDERATION.

2. AKATANI OFFERED THAT HE NOW HAS A SECOND OPI/ GENEVA POST (ONE
RECENTLY VACATED BY THOMAS COOK) TO FILL AND HE HAS A
COMMITMENT TO MARAMIS, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF ESCAP, TO TAKE
CARE OF BERNARD DORKENOO (TOGO, P-4) PRESENT CHIEF OF
INFORMATION IN ESCAP; AKATANI'S THINKING IS TO FILL THESE
TWO VACANCIES WITH GAULKIN AND DORKENOO. SENIORITY WILL
FIGURE HEAVILY, AKATANI SAID, IN REACHING HIS DECISION ON
WHO GOES IN WHICH POST.

3. WE REITERATED USG INTEREST IN GAULKIN SUCCEEDING CLARK

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STRESSING OUR STRONG DESIRE IN ENSURING OBJECTIVE
REPORTING BY OPI, OPENNESS WITH THE PRESS, ETC. AKATANI REMINDED
US OF HIS CLOSE ASSOCIATION WITH USG, IMPORTANCE OF US TO UN
ACTIVITIES, INFLUENCE WE EXERCISE, ETC. -- CONCLUDING THAT
WE CAN BE 90 PERCENT CERTAIN GAULKIN WILL GET ONE OF THESE POSTS.

4. IN VIEW OF GENEVA'S COMMENTS IN PARA TWO OF REFTTEL (B) THAT

THOMAS COOK WAS STILL MOST RECENTLY PALAIS SPOKESMAN AND CHIEF OF
FRENCH DESK IN PRESS SECTION, USUN WOULD APPRECIATE US
MISSION GENEVA'S COMMENTS ON GAULKIN'S ASSUMING
THAT POST IF AKATANI SHOULD DECIDE THAT WAY.

5. AKATANI ALSO REFERRED AGAIN (REFTEL C) TO FUTURE OF
WILLIAM POWELL (US, D-2) DIRECTOR OF PRESS AND PUBLICATIONS
DIVISION, OPI/NY AND SAID HE WILL BE DISCUSSING MATTER WITH
SYG. POWELL, WHO IS THE SYG'S SPOKESMAN, WILL REACH AGE 60 IN
AUGUST AND AKATANI'S THINKING IS TO EXTEND HIS CONTRACT AND WOULD
LIKE AT APPROPRIATE TIME TO HAVE OUR THINKING. WE WILL REPORT ON
POWELL SITUATION AS FURTHER INFORMATION IS OBTAINED.
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